

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action dated March 24, 2005, the Examiner has objected to Claims 1-3, 6, 9-12, 15, 18-20, 23, 26-29 and 32 due to minor formalities. The Examiner has rejected Claims 10 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Further, the Examiner has kindly indicated that Claims 1-9, 11-26, and 28-34 are allowable over the prior art of record because the prior art of record fails to teach or suggest a method of controlling fuser release oil contamination in an electrostatographic reproduction apparatus by depositing charged pigmented marking particles on a photoconductive member or an intermediate transfer member, and removing the charged pigmented marking particles thereby removing fuser release oil.

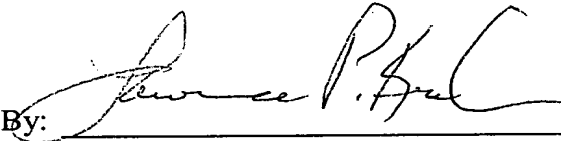
By this Amendment, Applicants have cancelled Claims 10 and 27, without prejudice so as to make moot the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as set forth in the Office Action. Further, Claims 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 11, 12, 15, 18, 19, 20, 23, 26, 28, 29, and 32, have been amended to more particularly point out that which the Applicants regard as the invention by removing the informalities noted by the Examiner. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent Claims 1, 3, 9, 12, 18, 20, 26, and 29; amended Claims 2, 6, 11, 15, 19, 23, 28, and 32 dependent thereon, along with the original Claims 4, 5, 7, 8, 13, 14, 16, 17, 21, 22, 24, 25, 30, 31, 33, and 34, which are the claims remaining in this Application, are now allowable.

Applicants are not aware of any additional patents, publications, or other information not previously submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office which would be required under 37 C.F.R. §1.99.

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This Application is now believed to be in condition for favorable reconsideration and early allowance, and such actions are respectfully requested.

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